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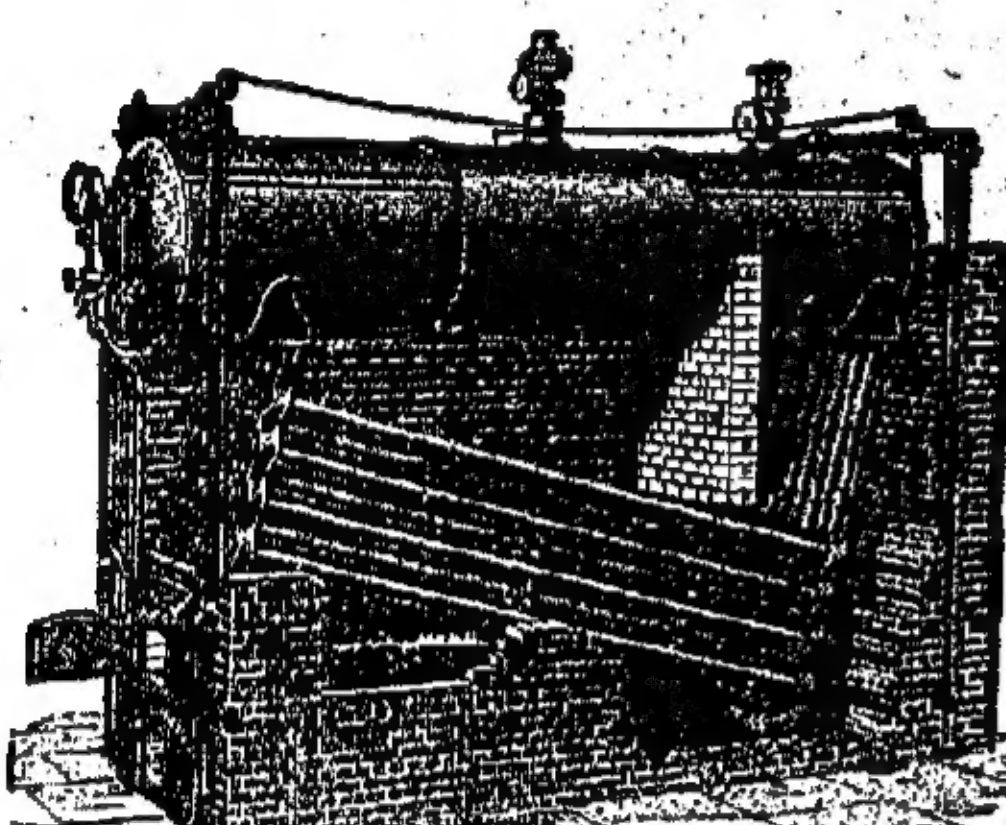
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Hongkong, January 19, 1900. 80

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SINQUE & Co.,
172, Queen's Road Central, and
123, Wellington Street.
Hongkong, January 23, 1900. 176

NOTICE OF FIRM.

A REGULAR MEETING of the
EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be
held at the PRIMAVERIA HALL, on
MONDAY, the 28th January instant, at
8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, January 23, 1900. 175

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EX-
TRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the 'China Provident Loan
and Mortgage Company, Limited,' will be
held at the Office of the Company, No. 9,
Praya Central, on THURSDAY, the 8th
day of February, 1900, at Noon, when the
subjoined Resolutions which were passed
at an Extraordinary General Meeting of
the Company held on the 23rd of January
1900, will be submitted for confirmation.

RESOLUTIONS:
1.—That the Capital of the Company be
increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation
and issue of 50,000 New Shares of
\$20 each.
2.—That the commission of the General
Managers be reduced to 5 per cent, and
that the figure '8' in the sixth
paragraph of Article XI. of the Articles
of Association of the Company be
struck out and the figure '5'
substituted therefor.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 25, 1899. 196

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned have This Day
been Appointed AGENTS for the
above GODOWNS. All applications for
Storage of Goods should be made to us.
T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co.,
12, Becclesfield Arcade.
Hongkong, January 4, 1900. 37

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE have This Day Appointed Messrs.
T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co. to be
AGENTS for the above GODOWNS:
all applications for Storage of Goods should
be made to them.
TANG LAP TING,
NOK KUN HUI,
NOK YUUK LIM.
Hongkong, January 4, 1900. 38

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIM TUD.
DURING the Temporary Absence from
the Colony of the Undersigned, Mr.
E. C. LANE will SIGN for the Secretary.
By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 27, 1900. 116

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Violins Cellos Guitars Banjos Cornets
Mandolines Mandolas Guitarras Euphoniums
Zithers Clarinets, &c.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the OR-
DINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Cor-
poration will be held at the CHINESE
MANSION, on MONDAY, the 28th day of
February Next, at Noon, for the
purpose of 'Receiving the Report of the
Court of Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts to the 31st December,
1899.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 24, 1900. 182

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
REGISTERS of SHARES of the
CORPORATION will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, the 11th, to the SEVEN-
TEENTH day of February Next (both days
inclusive), during which Period NO
TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 24, 1900. 183

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-Seventh Ordinary Half-Yearly
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS
in the Company will be held at the Office
of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY,
the 1st February, at 3 p.m., for the
purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors,
together with a Statement of Accounts,
declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 10th January
to the 1st February, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 16, 1900. 117

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILD- ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will
be held at the Company's Office, Victoria
Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 16th February,
1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors, together with
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1899.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED on SATUR-
DAY, the 27th January, to TUESDAY,
the 1st February (both days inclusive),
during which period no transfer of Shares
can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land
Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
Land and Building Company, Ltd.
Hongkong, January 16, 1900. 118

CHEAP SALE.

A PIANO equal to New, on Board
H.G.M.S. Hertha.
For Particulars, apply to
EDM. JOHANNSEN,
Duddell Street, No. 2.
Hongkong, January 25, 1900. 177

PRIVATE TUITION.

THE Advertiser is prepared to give
LESSONS in FRENCH or ENGLISH.
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'ALPHA,' 'China Mail' Office.
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Hongkong, January 1, 1900. 6

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE Ninetieth Ordinary Annual
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Office of the Company,
Fidder Street, at Noon, on WEDNES-
DAY, the 17th of February, to receive a
Statement of the Company's Accounts to the
31st December, 1899, and the Report of the
General Managers.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 28th Inst.
to the 7th Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 25, 1900. 201

THE STAR-FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to send their
SHARE CERTIFICATES to the Undersigned to
be exchanged for FULLY PAID UP
SCRIP.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 23, 1900. 178

STEAM LAUNCH FOR SALE.

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Hongkong, January 10, 1900. 71

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'HOME-SWEET-HOME.'

Ireland versus Germany:—the whole
talent of the Ship in Buck and Wing
Dancing, Cake Walks, Athletic Exhibition.
Bookings Office, Robinson Piano Co.
Hongkong, January 27, 1900. 215

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Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office,
Hongkong, January 26, 1900. 154

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GLOVES, &c., &c., &c.
K. FAZLALLY & Co.,
6 and 8, Peel Street.
Hongkong, January 26, 1900. 155

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PATENT SMOKELESS SPORTING
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Apply to LIXE, CHAMBERLAIN & Co.,
Hongkong, October 21, 1899. 2303

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THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC
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FIVE PERFORMANCES

'THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD,'
or
'THE MERRYMAN AND HIS MAID,'
by
W. S. GILBERT & ARTHUR
SULLIVAN.MONDAY, 12th February, 1900.
TUESDAY, 13th "
WEDNESDAY, 14th "
THURSDAY, 15th "
FRIDAY, 16th "
SATURDAY, 17th "
SUNDAY, 18th "
Commencing each Evening at 9 p.m.
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Half-price to the P... for Soldiers,
Sailors, and Police in Uniform.Tickets can be obtained at the Booking
Office of the Theatre, City Hall, on and
after MONDAY, the 28th February, 1900,
at 10 a.m.The Booking Office will be Open daily
from that date from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
except on Race days, when it will be open
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.Late Trains will run 1 hour after the fall
of the curtain.
H. C. NICOLLE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, Jan. 29, 1900. 220Surplus
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F. KIENE, Acting Manager.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of cargo from London
and Havre, ex s.s. *Orizaba*, in con-
nection with the above Steamer, are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the excep-
tion of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are
being landed and stored at their risk into
the Godowns of the Hongkong, Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at
Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
unless intimation is received from the Con-
signee before 1 p.m. the 28th Instant,
requesting it to be landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaim-
ed after Monday, the 5th February, at
Noon, will be subject to rent and landing
charges.All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before Monday, the 5th February, or they
will not be recognized.All Damaged Packages will be examined
on Monday, the 5th February, at 3 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 28, 1900. 219

To-day's Advertisements

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 22.THE following Particulars of SALE
of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,
to be held at the Office of the
Public Works Department, on MONDAY,
the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3 p.m.,
are published for general information.By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.Particulars of the Letting by Public Au-
ction Sale, to be held on MON-
DAY, the 5th day of February, 1900,
at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public
Works Department, by Order of His
Excellency the Governor, of One Lot
of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 21 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 1277	It is bounded by the sea on the north and east, by the road on the south, and by the road on the west.	20 45 13 13	4014	18 250

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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.Particulars of the Letting by Public Au-
ction Sale, to be held on MONDAY,
the 5th day of Feb., 1900, at 3.15 p.m.,
at the Office of the Public Works De-
partment, by Order of His Excellency
the Governor, of One Lot of Crown
Land at Morrison Hill Gap, in the
Colony of Hongkong, for a term of
75 years, with the option of re-
newal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by
the Surveyor-General, subject to the Queen
for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 1277	It is bounded by the sea on the north and east, by the road on the south, and by the road on the west.	20 45 13 13	4014	18 250

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
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of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,
to be held at the Office of the Public
Works Department, on MONDAY, the 5th
day of February, 1900, at 3 p.m., are
published for general information.By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.Particulars of the Letting by Public Au-
ction Sale, to be held on Mon-
day, the 5th day of February, 1900, at
3.30 p.m., at the Office of the Public
Works Department, by Order of His Ex-
cellency the Governor, of One Lot of
Crown Land, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 75 years, with the
option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be
fixed by the Surveyor-General, subject to
the Queen for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 1277	It is bounded by the sea on the north and east, by the road on the south, and by the road on the west.	20 45 13 13	4014	18 250

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 27.

Machew, British str., 255, J. E. Farrell,
Siam Jan. 21, General.—Butterfield &
Swire.Sundakar, German str., 1,374, E. Mahe,
Sundakar Jan. 22, Koller.—Mitsui &
Swire.Kinsman, Chinese steamer, 1,347, E. Mahe,
Sundakar Jan. 22, Koller.—Mitsui &
Swire.Cheong, British str., 223, Young,
Shanghai Jan. 24, and Suez 27, General.
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.Siam, British steamer, 992, Holton,
Singapore Jan. 19, Timber.—Bradley &
Swire.Hakui Maru, Japanese str., 1,419, M.
Nishimura, Amoy Jan. 27, General.—
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.Chinook, British steamer, 1,282, J. F.
Messer, Singapore Jan. 10, Timber.—
Bradley & Co.Chinook Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,940,
K. Yamamoto, Amoy Jan. 26, General.—
Doiwa & Co., Ltd.Nanyang, German str., 983, Lehmann,
Java Jan. 18, Suez.—Siam & Co.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination. Agents. Date of Leaving.

Destination.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports.	Butterfield & Swire.	February 13.
Amoy, S'hai & Kobe.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 1, daylight.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Mar. 4.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 11.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 18.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Feb. 25.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Mar. 4.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Mar. 11.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Mar. 18.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Mar. 25.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Apr. 1.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Apr. 8.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Apr. 15.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Apr. 22.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Apr. 29.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About May 6.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About May 13.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About May 20.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About May 27.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jun. 3.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jun. 10.
Bombay & Port of Call.	Carlowitz & Co.	About Jun. 17.
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Hornsea, Siam Jan. 24, Rice. JENSEN
& Co.Yamaguchi Maru, Japanese str., 2,038,
Hornsea, Siam Jan. 23, Coal. NIPPON
YUSEN KAISHA.Belgian str., 2,170, Thos.
L. Wain, San Francisco, and San Diego.
Wain & Co.Chunyang, British steamer, 1,415, E. J.
Butler, Hongkong Jan. 26, Coal.—JARDINE,
MATHESON & CO.Laois, French steamer, 2,331, Flaminio,
Hornsea, Siam Jan. 24, Suez 30.
Aden Jan. 3, Bombay 10, Colombo 15,
Singapore 21, and Saigon 25, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.Broadway, British str., 1,047, Haydn,
Sundakar Jan. 19, Kossine.—BRADLEY &
SWIRE.Siam, German steamer, 4,861, Bohrens,
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 30, General.—
CARLOWITZ & CO.Amoy, German steamer, 653, W. Wulff,
Moji Jan. 23, Coal.—SANDER, WIEBER &
CO.Cheong, British steamer, 1,210,
Wing, Hongkong via Singapore Jan.
20, General.—CHONG.Bendone, British steamer, 1,752, C. R.
Malhotra, Shanghai Jan. 26, General.—
GUTH, LIVINGSTON & CO.Broadrick, British str., 1,745, O.
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STANDARD OIL CO.

DEPARTURES.

January 28.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—Alma leaves for Y. Hain.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 31.—
Insurance Office close.
Local Banks close.THURSDAY, February 1.—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zealand Lodge.
Insurance Office close.
Local Banks close.FRIDAY, February 2.—
Goods per *Alma* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
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date subject to rent.SATURDAY, February 3.—
Entertainment of the U.S.S. 'Baltimore'
Dramatic Co., in the City Hall.MONDAY, February 5.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Hau
Fung Lane, Queen's Road East.
3.15 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land, at
Morrison Hill Gap.TUESDAY, February 6.—
3.30 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at
Wong Na Chung Road.
Goods per *Alma* undelivered after this
date subject to rent.WEDNESDAY, February 7.—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Ice Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office,
Fideler Street.THURSDAY, February 8.—
Noon.—Comptroller's Meeting of China
Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.FRIDAY, February 9.—
9 p.m.—Performance of the A. D. C., in
the City Hall.SATURDAY, February 10.—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration, at the City Hall.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, January 29, 1900.

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On Shanghai... 1/11 1/2

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Suldo.

On Saturday, a Chinese woman aged 22 years, residing in T. On Lane, poisoned herself with opium.

Museum.

There were 175 European and 2,734 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum, during the week ending 28th Jan.

'Gazette' Notifications.

Notice is given that Craigcollachie, Bonham Road, has been licensed by the Governor for the celebration of marriages.

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, a notification appears in the Gazette authorizing the firing of crackers at stated times in different localities.

With reference to Government Notification No. 18 of the 19th instant, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to declare Thursday, the 1st proximo, to be a public holiday.

It is notified that Her Majesty has not been advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 33 of 1899 of Hongkong, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinances, 1888.

It is notified that the sunken obstructions north and south of Skene's Island, notice of which was given in Government Notification No. 723 of 22nd December 1899, will continue in the positions named until 28th February next.

England and Russia.

A Japanese vernacular newspaper publishes a telegram from London to the effect that there are signs of a possible break-up between Russia and England over the Persian frontier.

The Famine in India.

The famine is increasing, and there are now 3,179,000 individuals in receipt of relief; and of these over two-and-a-half millions are in British India, the remainder in native States.

The Murder of a Missionary.

The Emperor Dowager has expressed her deep regret to Sir Claude Macdonald over the murder of the young English missionary Brooks in the Shantung Province, and Yuan Shih-kai has promised to pursue, capture, and punish the perpetrators of this heinous outrage.

Comfort in News for Jurors.

It will be comforting news for jurors to learn that at least some provision has been made for their protection from draughts while engaged in service at the Criminal Court. The experience of the special jurors during the recent cold weather has led to the erection of a curtain screen to shield the jury box. The removal of the press bench to another position should now be considered.

Fire.

At a quarter past two o'clock this morning, fire was discovered to have broken out on the ground floor of a three-story building at No. 335 Queen's Road Central. The ground and first floors were occupied as a medicine shop and the top story was used as a dwelling-house. The fire originated from a charcoal brazier used for drying medicine, the flames igniting the staircase. The whole building was soon ablaze, and despite the efforts of the Fire Brigade, the house was completely gutted. The damage is estimated at about \$7,500, and insurance has been effected with the Mei Chi Company for \$9,000.

The Sad Accident on the 'Whetting'.

Yesterday morning, one of the men injured in the explosion on the U.S. gunboat 'Whetting' died from the effect of his injuries, making three deaths from the accident. The names of the men who were killed instantaneously were Guinness Mate and Campbell, and Gunner Nelson subsequently succumbed to his injuries. The other injured men who are still in hospital are Lieutenant-Commander F. E. Beatty and Gunners Conroy and Bate. The funeral of the victims took place yesterday at the Happy Valley, the remains being followed to the grave by representatives from the warships in the harbour.

Sales of Crown Land.

This afternoon, Mr. L. Gillis exposed for sale by public auction three lots of Crown Land. The first lot situated at Hok-tan, and registered as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 936, was not sold. Inland Lot No. 1280, situated at Causeway Bay, and containing 29,450 square feet, with an annual rent of \$338, was put up at \$7,300. Mr. Shelton Hooper was the purchaser at \$7,300. Inland Lot No. 1,779, situated in Queen's Road East, near the Wong Tai Temple, was put up at \$2,160. The lot contains 1,080 square feet and has an annual rent of \$16. It was bought by a Chinaman at \$3,020.

Fashionable.

Russian stockings are the latest fashionable craze in New York. They are double nearly to the ankle, and are made in two contrasting colours. After the stocking is put on in the ordinary way, the outer stocking is carefully rolled back, so that it forms a neat little skirt just above the instep.

The War Office has ordered the discontinuance of the manufacture of Dun-Dun bullets.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

'CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL SERVICE.'

THE WAR.

GENERAL SIR C. WARREN'S RETREAT.

HEAVY LOSSES. BOER POSITIONS SAID TO BE IMPREGNABLE.

BOER VERSION OF RETREAT.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

London, January 29, 1.30 a.m.

Lieutenant-General Sir Redvers Buller reports that General Sir Charles Warren has been compelled to retreat the Tugela River, abandoning all the positions captured since the 16th instant. The retreat was effected without Warren's forces being molested.

It is believed that another attempt will be made to recapture Spion Kop.

Repulses of the British forces at other points disclosed the unpleasant fact that the Boers held impregnable positions. It is feared that our losses have been heavy.

Reports from Boer sources state that the Boers rushed the British trenches at Spion, capturing 150 men of the Dublin Fusiliers, and that the British were compelled to evacuate the position, leaving 100 Boers and men dead on the field.

THE CHINESE COUP D'ETAT.

AN IMPERIAL EDICT.

(Special to the 'Chinese Mail'.)

Peking, January 26.

The following Edict is published by the Emperor Kwang-hsi:—I will present my respects to the Emperor Dowager on New Year's Day, after which I will go to the Ning-Shan Palace to receive the salutations of the Ministers of State. Thereafter, all the Manchurian Ministers and Civil Officers above the 2nd Rank will assemble outside the Hwang-ki gate to present their respects to the newly-ascended son of the late Emperor, Po Tsun (Pu-Sing).

RUSSIAN SERVICE.

(Special to the 'Chinese Mail'.)

THE WAR.—NATAL.

General Buller telegraphs that General Warren's garrison abandoned Spionkop on the night of the 24th instant. General Warren's troops found 200 dead Boers in the first trenches captured on the 21st instant.

Reuter's Correspondent at Ladysmith states that the Boers are mounting new guns, and that the points attacked on the 6th instant have been greatly strengthened, rendering Ladysmith practically impregnable. Fever has much abated.

THE CENSORSHIP.

The censorship has become more stringent, and the telegrams and newspapers are merely echoes of the official.

THE CAPE COLONY.

General Macdonald has assumed the command of the Highland Brigade at the Modder River Station.

The Standard's correspondent at Renberg, under date 23rd instant, says that General Buller is deliberately and cautiously drawing his lines closer round the Boers at Colaberg. The enemy, who numbered 7,000, is alarmed.

CASUALTIES.

The casualties on the 25th instant were, six officers killed and twelve wounded, 18 men killed, 140 wounded and 13 missing. The officers killed were as follows:—Col. Buchanan-Riddell of the 3rd King's Rifles, also Lieut. Grant and French-Browner, Captains Murray and Walter and Lieut. Osborne of the Camerons (Scottish Rifles).

LONDON, 27th January, 1900.

THE WAR.

The Daily News says it is understood that the Government will not immediately for not less than £20,000,000, an account of the war.

The first portion of the seventh division has arrived at Cape Town.

The Times says it is probable that there will be still greater demands on the nation to be made, and that the Government would be well advised to call out the rest of the Militia, to expedite the mobilization of the eighth division, and to dispatch immediately a fourth cavalry brigade.

REPORTED RELIEF OF MAFKING.

Reuter's correspondent at Lourenço Marques, under date 26th inst., says it is reported on good authority from a Transvaal source that Mafeking was relieved on the 23rd inst.

COMMUNICATION INTERRUPTED.—There is a delay in Cape news owing to interruption of the West Coast cable.

RACING NOTES.

The following extract from the last Shanghai Sport and Gossip throws a little light on the antecedents of some of the Daily's candidates:

The ponies that are to do battle in the sport which started a month ago are all down south, and the Times, the closing of the entries for which were advertised originally to take place on 13th inst., closed last night. In all about 30 race ponies and 30 descriptions of griffins have been despatched from here.

Mr John Paul has sent two griffins down, a pinto and a dun, the former having done some excellent gallops, the best being 3.36 for 13 miles, last quarter 32, finishing with his head in. Mr Buxey has sent down 3 or 4 old ponies, and a like number of griffins, the best of the latter contingent being a small white, purchased from the Hesse Bezer, which did a mile and a half in 3.24 the first time he went that distance. This pony had been training for some time that has been sent down. Mr Toog will be represented by a chestnut griffin with a white blaze, named Modder, who in a dark trial on 15th ult., did 13 miles in 3.19, and 13 miles in 3.14. This griffin was bought from a 13 mile trial which was done in 2.53, last quarter 32 seconds. Since his purchase he has been principally confined to long gallops, his companion being the great 3.10 griffin, around whom he can cut close. Mr Paul has purchased the Hesse Bezer black-belted grey from September last; his best time for 13 miles has been 3.26 with Say Zong's boy up; previous to this he did a more than useful 12 mile gallop in 4.11, last quarter 53. In the same stable is a grey griffin who has done 12 miles in 2.54, carrying 11st. 6lb. At the eleventh hour this stable purchased another pony from Mr Robinson, the well-known 'bookie,' a flyer at any rate for a short distance. He did a mile and a quarter in 2.53, last quarter 32 seconds, and a mile and a half in 3.20. Mr Dwyer-Hunt has two griffins, a grey and a bay; the former did a mile and a half in 3.20; the latter was much fagged by the faculty, but he has done nothing extraordinary in the way of time, 13 miles in 4.52 is his best performance.

Out of the 27 Subscription Griffins arrived, 20 are entered for the Valley Stakes, and these ponies are sure to afford some excellent racing in their particular class. It is yet early to attempt any accurate opinion of their respective merits, but some slight idea can be formed of those which will probably stand out when it comes to the ordeal. By general consent the chestnut *Satan* is the most promising of all—a compact, game little animal who has galloped in good time and good form each time he has been asked, and whose victory would be very popular. Another bringing a good reputation from the North is *Cosack*, a grand-looking dark chestnut, as yet rather troubled with colic, which, however, will doubtless soon give way to careful training. Then comes the roan *Reverie*, who was fagged at the first, and who moves fairly well, but who is apparently held back in his gallops by the grey *Impulsive*, owned by Mr Wheel-Rat (what a name!) and trained in the same stable, which stable has a further good one in the chestnut *Racer*, who to most people's surprise did a mile in 2.18 on Saturday—comparatively easily.

Mr Babington's *The Robber* was not trumpeted in advance like some of the others, and owes his appreciation entirely to the form he has shown here in his gallops, but the most astute at the Rialto look upon him as likely to furnish the winner of one or more of the best events. He is entered for the Derby, but his owner will be wise not to aim too high, even with such a promising animal. Mr Pagnon's (another nice name!) *Orange Blossom* is thought very highly of by his trainer, and also by a good many others. He is a fine chestnut with a white blaze and has done some good gallops, finishing well. *Major Adam*, is coming along nicely, and evidently being trained to negotiate a long distance, as he accomplished 13 miles in 3.38 on Saturday. His stable companion *Minor* (the white with invisible spots) seems to have been selected by Mr Tierce to win the shorter distance events, and may make the *Damocles* Three happy yet. Mr Lewis' grey *Boer* is not much to look at, neither is the grey *Strathgarry*, but they both get over the ground in a very noticeable manner, and must not be overlooked; while the same may be said of Mr David's grey *Lightfoot* and Messrs Flower and Higgin's *Tugela*. The dun *Taylor* is a well-shaped, bad-tempered brute, who will probably 'chuck it' in a race, if he doesn't do the same to his rider first. I have not been able to obtain an opinion about *Cocktail*, *Wanch*, *Woodpecker*, *Terra Verde*, *Tom Thumb*, *Sheddy* or *Woodcock*, but there seems little doubt that the worst of the lot are *China Rose*, *Arctura*, *Regeneration*, *Snow King* and *Revere*, who must have been terribly scared to go fast enough in the trial to get in the time limit. It is unfortunate that the full number of 48 subscribers for was unobtainable, as it would have added so much to the interest of the Meeting.

JUNIUS.

Stearns' Wine of God Liver Oil increases the assimilation of reparative food, giving vital and nervous energy, steadily increasing strength, and making the patient robust and vigorous. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

IN OLDEN TIMES.

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine, made by the California Fig Syrup Co., Sold by Messrs. D. S. Watson & Co., wholesale or retail.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—On the 28th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen quickly on E. coast of China. The depression has probably reached Japan. Pressure is high over N. China. On the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh N.E. winds; dull, some drizzling rain.

PIRACY ON THE CANTON RIVER.

News is brought to the Colony of another successful piracy on the Canton River. Shortly after mid-day on the 21st inst., the steam-launch *Lily* left Canton for Whampoa with 50 or 60 passengers on board. She reached Whampoa at 2 o'clock, and some 20 odd passengers disembarked there. Having been inspected by the Customs officials, the launch resumed her voyage, and when off the village of San-Ting some fifteen or sixteen of the passengers became revealed in their true piratical colours. They forced the captain and crew below, took charge of the launch, and proceeded to rob the remainder of the passengers at their leisure. The launch was headed for Shek-ze-tan, where some towing boats were met. From these boats ammunition and provisions were transferred to the launch, and the pirates received augmentation to the extent of twenty more men. The passengers were sent away. The launch continued its piratical cruise. About six o'clock, a junk was met, and from her a few tons of coal and some weapons were taken. Next morning, the *Lily* appeared off Hengshing, and at 10 o'clock, sighted the Shek-ki boat towed by the steam-launch *Kwang-tung*. This launch the pirates decided to rob, and in the collision that ensued the *Lily* came off second best. The pirates, however, boarded the *Kwang-tung*, and robbed the passengers. It was here decided to abandon the *Lily*, so all the loot and a supply of coal were transferred to the *Kwang-tung*. At this juncture, the Chinese gunboat *Kwang-tung* appeared on the scene, so the pirates escaped in the *Kwang-tung*, leaving the *Lily* to be towed back to Canton by the gunboat. (Our informant does not state that the gunboat pursued the pirates, but we presume an unsuccessful attempt was made to overhaul the *Kwang-tung*. The actual amount of money, clothing and valuables carried off by the pirates is not great, but it is somewhat disquieting to know that the Chinese Police is still at large, and that, at this very moment, he may be raiding other craft anywhere in the neighbourhood of Hongkong.

NEWS FROM THE SECOND BASE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WEIHAIWEI, JANUARY 6. Everything is very quiet here now. The weather is bitterly cold. About Christmas, we had a very heavy fall of snow. In places where the wind had drifted it, it was five feet deep. 20 degrees of frost have been registered. There are one or two places fit to skate on, and these are well frequented by those who are fortunate enough to possess skates.

A magistrate has been appointed to Maute, but at present he is living on the island. He comes from the Peking Legation.

THE CHINESE REGIMENT.

The 1st Chinese Regiment now numbers 600 men, and still recruits are being enlisted. Lieutenant R. N. Bray joined on the 28th of December, from the West Riding Regiment.

The road to the new barracks is proceeding, and also the levelling of the site for the barracks. A big robbery was perpetrated here on the 26th December. The quarters of Colonel-Sergeant Purdon, 1st Chinese Regiment (late of the Scots Guards), were broken into during the night, and \$200 in silver, a revolver with 200 rounds of ammunition, and a few rolls of silk were stolen. Steps were at once taken to find the thieves, but up to the present nothing has been found. Two or three men have been arrested on suspicion, but nothing can be proved against them. Colonel Bower has stopped all leave to the men of the Regiment for Chinese New Year, hoping this will force them to reveal the names of the robbers. It seems to have been the work of an organised gang. This is not the first robbery, but nothing has ever been stolen of so much value before. It is common talk that other places are to be raided; but our Celestial friends will probably get a warm reception next time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The new police prison on the island is completed, and Inspector Danson comfortably installed in his quarters. The work of the British Post Office is still on the increase—the delivery, and collection of mail matter by the postmen being a great success.

The arrival of the mails from Shanghai is much delayed, owing to the scarcity of ships calling here and at Chefoo.

The dredger *St. Roch* has gone to Shanghai for repairs, being escorted there by the *Yandun*, which ship has now returned here. H.M.S. *Victorian* has gone to Japan. The *Pipmy* still remains doing mail duty, and acting as tender to the guardship.

Plenty of good shooting is obtainable. Wild ducks are plentiful, but are very difficult to kill. Hares are fairly numerous round the hills. Boring for coal is still going on, but with indifferent success.

INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

On Saturday evening, the annual general meeting of the members of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders was held at the Institute. Mr D. Gillies presided, and he was supported by Messrs B. Cooke, J. W. Kinghorn, Norman Munford, W. Ramsay, Owen Orlish, A. Bain, J. Kyles, J. Murdoch, T. C. Hutchings, T. Skinner, A. Ritchie and C. B. Buys.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report gives a very clear and succinct statement of the most prominent events that have taken place during the period under review, and if we can be guided by the figures presented to us, we have every reason to conclude that the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong is not only in the happy position of having succeeded in gaining the confidence and support of its members, but it has also in a large degree attained the object for which the Institution was originally formed.

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A GUIDE FOR THE AMATEUR STRATAGIST.

Major-General Maurice contributes to the Nineteenth Century for December an article on 'Terms Used in Modern Gunnery,' in which he gives a very lucid explanation of the technical expressions of the artillerist. At any other time General Maurice's article would belong to the specialist class and would call for no special note, but in view of the bewildering technicalities with which our war despatches are sometimes filled, it will be useful to quote his explanations for the benefit of the amateur strategist.

THE USE OF FUSES.

The distinction between the 'time-fuse' and the 'percussion fuse' is one not always understood. The percussion fuse is mechanically contrived so that when the shell strikes any object sufficiently to stop it, the shell is exploded by the impact. Its use, therefore, presents no difficulty to half-trained gunners. The 'time-fuse' is a much more delicate instrument.

It contains a composition which burns at a fixed rate, and the amount of composition placed in the shell being indicated by figures outside the case of the fuse, it is possible for the gunner, who 'sets' the fuse before it is put into the gun, so to regulate it that it will explode the shell after it has travelled for a certain number of seconds.

Tables have been carefully prepared, based on actual experiments, to show how many parts of seconds a fuse should be adjusted to burn in order that when the shell is fired at a given range the fuse should explode at the required distance from the enemy, and a given distance in front of him.

'Plugged shell' is the modern substitute for the 'solid shot' of the past. When it is desirable in preference to bursting a shell to make it strike as a solid weight, then the bursting composition is omitted, and in order that the shell may be even and heavy as before, it is plugged with some material that would not burst it.

Shrapnel in its original form was invented by a General Shrapnel, who during the Peninsular War invented a form in which it was applicable to the spherical shells then used.

Before Shrapnel's invention his shell, which was loaded with a number of large bullets, intended to scatter among the troops as it was aimed, the 'common' form of shell was charged with a mass of powder, and it had two effects. It broke up into such large fragments that these, retaining most of the velocity remaining in the shell at the moment it burst, and having certain fresh force imparted to them by the charge within the shell, struck with great effect against any solid bodies with which they came in contact and materially damaged them. These shells were thus very destructive in the carriage on which they were carried in the field, and even if they hit a fort, they were dangerous, though not so often, to the gun itself. They were particularly effective against buildings, earthworks, and against walls in which it was desirable to make a hole or breach. They also, from the large quantity of shrapnel which they produced, a body of flame which tended to create violent conflagration wherever they struck any bodies easily kindled.

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